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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Area Commanders

SUBJECT : Nationwide Anti-War Activity
13 - 15 November 1969

The following is a compilation of material available from public news media and "underground" literature concerning the "National Fall Offensive" scheduled for 13 - 15 November. The information was furnished by Fort Holabird on 23 and 24 October 1969.

The major events of anti-war activity scheduled for 13 - 15 November 1969 have been planned by three organizations, the Vietnam Moratorium Committee (VMC), the New Mobilization Committee (New MC), and the Student Mobilization Committee.

The VMC will institute a nationwide program entitled, "Bring the Congressman Home" on 13 and 14 November in an effort to exert political pressure to end the war in Vietnam. The program will be effectuated by requesting the United States Senators and Representatives return to their home districts for two days of hearings and rallies attended by businessmen, doctors, lawyers, and others designed to require congressmen to detail their position on the war. Other local activities are planned such as hearings on the war, community referendums to end the war, block parties, door to door anti-war educational programs, leafleting, and reading the names of the war dead.

The VMC leaders believe these local actions will demonstrate the pervasive anti-war sentiment of the so-called "Middle Americans." On the West Coast, the Old VMC plan to "Halt Business as Usual" has been escalated to take the form of picketing in order to make traveling to work "inconvenient" on 13 - 14 November. The national organizers of VMC are Sam Brown, David Miner, Dave Hawk, Marge Sklencar and Jerome Grossman. The National VMC office is located at 1029 Vermont Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.

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The New MC plans mass actions in Washington, D. C. (WDC) and San Francisco, California (SFCA) on 13 - 15 November:

In WDC, a 36 hour single file, silent "March Against Death" (MAD) will begin at 2400 hours, 13 November, at Arlington National Cemetery, proceed on Constitution Ave. to 17th Street, wind around the White House to Pennsylvania Ave., and march down Pennsylvania Ave. to the Capitol. Each participant will carry a candle, wear a name plate of a United States Vietnam War casualty, and chant the name of a bombed-out Vietnamese town as he passes the White House. The single file march is planned to consist of 45,000 persons, organized into groups equivalent to the number of persons from each state that have been killed in Vietnam.

At 0900 hours, 15 November, the WDC "Mass March to Bring the Troops Home Now" will begin at the Mall between 3rd and 6th Streets, next to the Capitol. The New MC leaders predict 500,000 to 600,000 demonstrators will participate. At 1100 hours, a special contingent of GI's will lead the mass march back down Pennsylvania Ave. to the White House carrying coffins filled with the name tags of the war dead. At the White House a delegation will deposit the coffins and present a list of political demands. The demonstrators will then move from there to the Ellipse for a final rally to begin at 1400 hours. At 2000 hours, the New MC will hold a meeting to outline further and future actions. The co-chairmen of the New MC are Sidney Lens, Chicago Peace Council, Douglas Dowd, National Mobilization Committee, Sidney Peck, Cleveland Peace Action Council, Stewart Meacham, American Friends Service Committee, David Dellinger, National Mobilization Committee, and Cora Weiss, Women's Strike for Peace.

The mass march to be held on 15 November in SFCA is to begin at 0700 hours at Pier 29, Chestnut and Sansome Streets, march south on Battery Street to Pine Street, west on Pine Street to Montgomery Street, south on Montgomery Street to Post Street, west on Post Street to Presidio Avenue, south on Presidio Ave. to Geary Boulevard, west on Geary Blvd. to 30th Avenue, south on 30th Ave. into Golden Gate Park, and rally at the Polo Fields in the Golden Gate Park. March and rally permits have been tentatively approved by local authorities for the stated itinerary. The co-chairmen of the SFCA mass march and rally, Terrance Hallinan and Doug Kalish, predict 250,000 individuals will participate in the march and rally. The rally is planned to emphasize cultural dissent rather than to emphasize anti-war rhetoric by presenting a myriad of political dissidents. New York Senator Charles Goodell is scheduled to speak and entertainment is to be provided by folk singers Buffy Sainte Marie, Phil Ochs, and Arlo Guthrie. The SFCA New MC operates from an office at

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The Student Mobilization Committee (SMC) is organizing the "National Student Strike" on 14 November. A spokesman for SMC, Don Gurewitz, foresees a million University and high school students participating in the "most massive student walkout in history." The SMC is also organizing transportation to the New MC's mass marches in WDC and SFCA.

Excluding the factor of weather conditions and the impact of a major policy change by the President of the United States in his major address on 3 November, the number of demonstrators will be determined by the degree of unity achieved among the anti-war organizations. VMC support for the New MC and SMC efforts in WDC will be vital for the success of the WDC marches. On 21 October, the National VMC leadership announced support for the WDC and SFCA mass marches and stated that "other leaders" of the VMC would support and join in the planned marches on 15 November. An overt division between the VMC and New MC will result in a diminished participation in the marches.

Although the New MC is calling for legal, peaceful, non-violent actions in order to attract a "wide variety of constituencies and political styles" and although the usual internal control will be provided by the New MC, violent actions and reactions to the mass demonstrations remain a distinct possibility. Even the VMC is wary of the course of action of the events on 15 November as reports filter in as to proposed actions by minute violent factions of the anti-war movement.

Marshalls:

March marshalls meetings are scheduled in a series of cities where marshalls will receive instructions. Some cities will include preliminary meetings with key people who will recruit more marshalls for larger meetings. Cities closest to WDC itself will provide the great bulk of marshalls for the overall event. Marshalls from outlying areas will provide marshalls for their own contingents; marshalls will be divided into teams, each with specific tasks. Team captains will receive maps, armbands, and instructions for team members. Marshalls meetings have begun in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Baltimore and Washington, D. C. Armbands and kits for marshalls will cost approximately \$500.00. Plans call for four sets of teams totaling 800 marshalls for the "March Against Death" and one set of teams for the mass march totaling 1,000.

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Communications:

Communications for the 13 - 15 November events will include setting up possibly four telephones along the "March Against Death" route, and at least two along the mass march route. Telephones will be manned by a set of walkie-talkies to provide communications between the phones. It is proposed that 10 walkie-talkie sets and 12 bullhorns be purchased.

Medical Aid:

Medical and first aid teams will be handled by the Washington Medical Committee for Human Rights. Medical headquarters will be located at St. John's Church (near the White House). Five first aid stations will be set up along the "March Against Death" route. Each will be manned by one M. D., one Registered Nurse, and two Medics with first aid training. The mass march will have five mobile teams.

Housing:

Mass housing includes space for 3,800 persons in area universities and for 4,100 in churches. Possibilities include: obtaining use of the Willard Hotel and the use of municipal buildings. Individual housing includes 9,000 places secured. Movement centers can handle approximately 3,700 people. Available movement centers:

	11/14	11/15
The Church of the Epiphany 1317 G Street, N. W.	50 persons	50 persons
First Congregational Church 10th & G Streets, N. W.	25 - 30	NL
Western Presbyterian Church 1906 H. St., N. W.	200-250	NL
Calvery Methodist Church 1459 Columbia Road	300-400 (Only if G. McNeil, a church member, is present to coordinate use).	
Douglas Methodist Church 11th & M St., N. W.	800	800
Union Methodist Church 314 20th St., N. W.	550 (only during the day).	NL

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Brightwood Park Methodist Church 8th & Jefferson, N. W.	300	300
Cleveland Park United Church of Christ, 3400 Lowell, N. W.	75	75
Nash Methodist Church 62 Rhode Island Ave., N. W.	All Facilities Offered	
All Soul's Unitarian Church 16th & Harvard St.	All facilities offered (700 overnight accomodations)	
Concordia United Church of Christ, 1920 G St.	275	275
Dunbarton Methodist Church 3130 O St., N. W.	450	450
Lincoln Temple United Church of Christ, 1701 11th St. N.W.	1,000 plus	NL
New York Ave. Presbyterian Church 1313 N. Y. Ave., N. W.	All facilities available	

Independent arrangements have been made for the Church of Reformation and Capitol United Methodist Church. Winnies Chuck Wagon has the ability to supply sufficient food at all needed points, and will take the assurance of payment of some well-known guarantor in lieu of money. The best price is \$.43 per sandwich.

Transportation:

Florida, Miami: The Miami organizers expect around 1,300 people from that area to come to WDC. Buses have been chartered, and planes and possibly a train are being arranged. All participants plan to leave 13 November so as to be in Washington, D. C. in time for the March Against Death.

Florida, Tampa: Organizers are hoping to raise some \$4,000 for four buses, possibly more. They also report that more than 300 students from the University of Florida plan to come to Washington, D. C.

Florida, St. Petersburg: 400 students of Florida Presbyterian College have signed up to come to WDC.

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Georgia, Atlanta: Two buses have been chartered for the March Against Death and six have been chartered for the mass march. Possibility of at least 500 to take part in the WDC demonstration.

Illinois, Chicago: Thirty buses have been reserved, two planes have been chartered, and a train with two reserved cars is scheduled to take people to WDC. It is expected that at least 3,000 people from Chicago will make the trip to WDC.

Kentucky, Louisville: Three buses are reserved and filled. The hope is to have at least five buses (at 37 people per bus).

Massachusetts, Boston: 1,000 bus seats have been sold. 1,500 train reservations and at least two planes carrying 150 each have been reserved. At least 5,000 people are expected from this area.

Michigan, Ann Arbor: 20 buses have been arranged for the March Against Death, and another 20 to 30 have been arranged for the mass march to leave 14 November.

Michigan, Detroit: 35 buses have been reserved with plans for at least 60 (at 40 per bus). One plane has been chartered to carry 52 people, and a car-pool- caravan is planned. Several seminaries are arranging for their own buses and some churches are doing the same.

New York City: Fifth Avenue Peace Parade Committee reports that "We're getting every available bus in town," and that a "phenominally large number of people are signing up for the trip to Washington."

New York, Rochester: Twenty-two buses are currently chartered.

Missouri, St. Louis: Four buses have been reserved (at 45 people per bus) and one plane has been chartered for 104 people. Altogether, at least 350 people from St. Louis are expected.

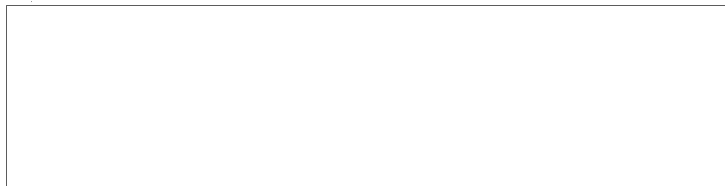
Ohio, Cleveland: An "Absolute minimum" of 40 buses have been reserved.

Ohio, Dayton: Three buses definitely have been chartered, one for the March Against Death and two for the mass march. The University of Dayton definitely is taking two additional buses, and at least one additional bus of high school students will make the trip. Organizers estimate at least 100 for the March Against Death and 300 for the mass march.

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Pennsylvania, Philadelphia: Twenty buses will leave on Thursday from Philadelphia to Washington, and then will return to become part of the 185 bus caravan (more if buses are available) to Washington for the mass march. From 50,000 to 75,000 marchers are expected.

Texas: Texans from five cities will make the trip - Houston, Austin, Dallas, San Antonio, and Nacogdoches. So far, 14 buses have been reserved and chartered and 10 more may be chartered. In all, 2,000 people are expected from Texas.



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